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**UPR – Papua New Guinea**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Papua New Guinea, and we thank them for the presentation they shared with us today.

Italy welcomes the steps taken to further the promotion and protection of human rights since the first cycle of the UPR. We particularly welcome the measures aimed at increasing the protection of the rights of the child through the adoption of the Child Protection Act, and the progress made in the fight against corruption.

We also welcome the attention devoted to combating violence against women and domestic violence, in particular through the adoption of the Family Protection Act. In order to strengthen the protection of women's rights, Italy **recommends** to reinforce the legal framework for the prevention of violence against women, including by running a national awareness campaign, by creating safe places for victims of gender-based violence, and by ensuring that cases of domestic violence and sorcery-related violence are comprehensively investigated and prosecuted. We also **recommend** to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

As far as the death penalty is concerned, we take note with appreciation of the fact that no execution has been carried out in Papua New Guinea for more than 60 years, and we **recommend** to maintain the moratorium on capital executions and to consider the full abolition of the death penalty.

Lastly, we **recommend** to ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol.

We wish Papua New Guinea all the best in its UPR.

Thank you.